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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

K. Tamura, et al.

Application No.: 10/804,756

Filed: March 19, 2004

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
BACKING UP STORAGE SYSTEM
DATA

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7684

Examiner: Veillard, Jaques

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2165

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October, 4, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.